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Pipe Connecting Method )

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.112**

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to an office action mailed on July 23, 2002 in prosecution of the above-identified US patent application. Reconsideration of the above identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1 and 8 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of connecting a first pipe to a second pipe having an end part fitting into an end part of the first pipe, comprising
    - a) arranging the end part of the second pipe within the end part of the first pipe;

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